

Pharmacy Technician

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Overview:

This program prepares students for certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB). Pharmacy technicians assist licensed pharmacists to provide health care and medications to patients. Pharmacy Technicians must perform precise work where details can be a matter of life or death. They must have a broad knowledge of pharmacy practice and the techniques required to fill prescriptions, constitute IV solutions, and prepare medications. Good communications and interpersonal skills are essential to interact with patients and other health care professionals on a daily basis. The Pharmacy Technician courses are designed in accordance with American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) guidelines. They are not designed for college transfer credit.

Technical Certificate of Credit Accredited by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists.

How Much Can I Earn?

\$19,190 - \$20,500

*wages and salary data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Tennessee Department of Labor

What Will I Do On The Job?

Pharmacy Technicians work with licensed pharmacists to fill prescriptions. They also advise patients about prescription and nonprescription drugs and health care products.

What Skills Will I Use On The Job?

You should be alert, organized, responsible, and patient. With such precise work, avoiding and spotting errors is crucial. The ability to take directions and work closely with pharmacists is as important as the ability to communicate calmly and clearly with patients.

Possible Job Titles:

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Who Will Hire Me?

Community pharmacies, drug manufacturing companies, drug wholesale companies, home-health care, hospital pharmacies, nuclear-medicine pharmacies, nursing homes.

Chattanooga State graduates work for such organizations as: Walgreens, Memorial Hospital, Wal-mart Pharmacy, Grandview Hospital, CVS, Rite Aid, Bi-Lo Pharmacy, Erlanger Medical Center, Solution Pharmacy, Access Drugs.

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